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STARCH GRAFT COPOLYMERS AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING STARCH  
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(Title of the Invention)

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In re divisional application of

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Group Art Unit:

Application No.

Filed:

For: **METHODS OF PRODUCING SUPERABSORBENT  
POLYMER PRODUCTS FOR USE IN AGRICULTURE**

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